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1.) SUNDAY OBSERVER (MIDWEST STATE-OWNED, CIRC. 50,000) APRIL 6
PUBLISHED "PETROLEUM POLITICS FOR BEGINNERS (1) BACKGROUND TO
CURRENT OIL CRISIS" IN REGULAR COLUMN "THE OPINION OF OLU AKARAOGUN."

2) AKARAOGUN DESCRIBES OPEC/IEA PARIS TALKS AS "OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE
TO NIGERIA AND OUR PARTNERS IN OPEC." IDENTIFIES IEA WITH NATO
AND SAYS "POWERFUL INTERESTS NOW CONFRONT OPEC". "THE STATE OF
THE INTERNATIONAL OIL MARKET IS OF THE GREATEST IMPORTANCE TO EVERY
NIGERIAN"...

3) COLUMN TRACES RECENT EVENTS FROM OCTOBER 1973 ARAB OIL EMBARGO-
"FIRST USE OF PETROLEUM AS POLITICAL WEAPON": KISSINGER REMARK ON
"STRANGULATION" DESCRIBED AS A "TISSUE OF LIES" "BOTH PRESIDENT
FORD AND HENRY KISSINGER HAVE MADE SPEECHES IN WHICH THEY ATTEMPTED
TO BLAME ANYTHING THAT GOES WRONG IN THE U.S. AND IN EUROPE
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ON THE POLICIES OF OPEC."

4) CALLS PARIS TALKS AN EXAMPLE OF THE SUCCESS OF PENTAGON'S "PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE". REFERS TO NEWSWEEK (OCT.7,1974) REPORT ON THREE OPTIONS INCLUDING COVERT OPERATIONS OF CIA AND OCCUPATION OF OIL FIELDS BY AMERICAN TROOPS.

5) AKARAOGUN SAYS SPEECHES QUOTED SHOW THE "SABRE-RATTLING ATMOSPHERE IN WHICH MEMBERS OF OPEC HAVE BEEN DRAGGED TO THE CONFERENCE TABLE". HE CONCLUDED WHAT I AM POINTING OUT IS THAT THE U.S. AND HER ALLIES BELIEVE THAT BECAUSE OF THEIR MILITARY MIGHT THEY ARE ENTITLED TO OTHER NATIONS' CRUDE PETROLEUM AT PRICES DICTATED BY AMERICAN BUYERS. WE HAD THOUGHT THAT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY OF NATIONS HAD REPUDIATED THE PHILOSOPHY THAT MILITARY MIGHT IS RIGHT, WHICH BASICALLY IS THE POSITION OF THE U.S. AND HER ALLIES ON THE OIL CRISIS."

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